

CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2009

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT PLANNING TEAM

Highlights from Meeting, December 9, 2009, in Sacramento

The fourteenth meeting of the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team (PT) took place in Sacramento on December 9, 2009. Dorian Fougères, facilitator for the Team, welcomed team members and reviewed the agenda. The objectives of the meeting were to (1) review Summit Evaluations and debrief the Summit, (2) review draft Summit Proceedings, (3) discuss next steps for producing a Tribal Water Stories video and repository, and (4) develop a short-term Summit results communication strategy.

Donations, Sponsors, and Volunteers

A PT member presented an updated funding chart and explained a series of payments to be made to speakers and volunteers who contributed significant time and effort to the success of the Summit. He also presented a chart that delineated how donated funds were used. The group discussed various ways to thank the volunteers, participants, and donors to the Summit. The group decided to send thank you letters as well as certificates of appreciation to financial sponsors, speakers, presenters, volunteers, and those who made in-kind donations. The group tentatively decided that leftover funds would provide seed money for the next Summit's outreach. A few PT members observed the thank you letters would help garner support for next year's Summit, in addition to showing appreciation.

Evaluation

The PT discussed the elements of the Summit that went well, and what could be improved for the next event. A PT member suggested a subcommittee convene to summarize the raw data from the evaluation responses, respond to individuals, and set priorities for the next Summit.

Next Steps for Water Stories Video & Repository

Mr. Fougères introduced Rodolfo Vasquez and Jeanine Gaines from the Center for Multicultural Cooperation Sacramento Youth Empowerment Studios (CMC), who were part of the team that shot the Water Stories footage at the Summit. CMC has approximately one hour and a half of raw footage including fifteen stories. CMC's contract only included taking the raw footage; additional funding would be needed for post editing. As a first step, CMC will upload the footage on a password-protected web-site so PT members can view what was captured. Atta Stevenson, David Ortiz, William Speer, Randy Yonemura, and Ruthie Maloney offered to serve on the sub-group to direct and oversee the Water Stories project. The sub-group would ensure that the stories are appropriately displayed on the video, with suitable music and photographs if applicable. The sub-group will report back on its work to the full Planning Team.

Review of Draft Summit Proceedings

Mr. Fougères requested the group's feedback regarding the Draft Summit Proceedings. Kamyar Guivetchi, DWR, explained that Director Snow had directed him to write a work plan of potential next steps, which could also be included in the Water Plan Update 2009. Mr. Guivetchi reported that in 2010 Water Plan staff will be soliciting broad input on the design of 2013, including Tribal involvement. Mr. Fougères asked the PT to submit comments on the draft Summit Proceedings by close of business on December 23rd.